

REMARKS

The present application was filed on June 21, 2001, with claims 1-27. The application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/266,791 filed on February 6, 2001. Claims 1-27 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1, 10 and 18 are the independent claims.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the above amendments and the remarks to follow.

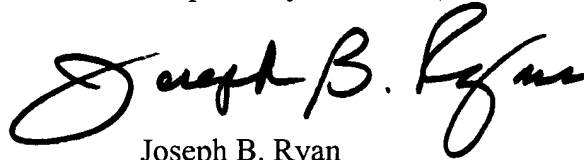
Claims 1-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0101446A1 (hereinafter "Tang").

Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 10 and 18 herein in a manner which is believed to distinguish the claimed invention from Tang and the other art of record. More specifically, these claims as amended recite that the visual representation comprises a time axis having axis positions corresponding to respective ones of a plurality of time ranges, a category axis having axis positions corresponding to respective ones of the team members, and a plurality of graphic elements. Further, the claims recite that a given one of the graphic elements specifies an activity state for a particular one of the plurality of team members for a particular time period, with the particular one of the plurality of team members being indicated by position of the graphic element relative to the category axis, and the particular time period being indicated by position of the graphic element relative to the time axis.

Support for the amendment can be found in the specification at, for example, page 25, line 26, to page 26, line 3, and in FIG. 10 of the drawings, which disclose one illustrative embodiment of the claimed arrangement.

In view of the above, Applicants believe that claims 1-27 as amended are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request withdrawal of the §102(e) rejection.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph B. Ryan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a stylized "R".

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